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Chairman: Mr. Natalegawa ..... (Indonesia)

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The meeting was called to order at 10.20 a.m.

Adoption of the agenda

1. *The agenda was adopted.*

Caribbean regional seminar (A/AC.109/2009/17)

2. **The Chairman** said that the Bureau of the Committee had recommended holding the Caribbean regional seminar in Frigate Bay, Saint Kitts and Nevis, from 12 to 14 May 2009. As in the past, the Committee would also celebrate the Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories at the seminar. If there was no objection, he would take it that the Committee wished to proceed accordingly.

3. *It was so decided.*

Composition of the official delegation of the Special Committee

4. **The Chairman** recalled that the Committee's official delegation to the seminar would comprise the Bureau members and one Committee member from each regional group. The United Nations would bear the travel costs of the members of that delegation. Following consultations with the respective regional groups, the Bureau had agreed ad referendum that the Committee should be represented at the seminar by Bolivia, on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, and by the Russian Federation, on behalf of the Group of Eastern European States. Consultations with the Group of African States and the Group of Asian States were still under way. If there was no objection, he would take it that the Committee wished to approve the proposed composition and to authorize the Secretariat to make the necessary travel arrangements, on the understanding that the list would be finalized, and the Committee so informed, as soon as consultations with the Group of Asian States and the Group of African States had been concluded.

5. *It was so decided.*

Extension of invitations to experts and organizations

6. **The Chairman** said that, as in previous years, the Bureau suggested that invitations to speak at the seminar should be extended to three experts and three representatives of non-governmental organizations. An initial list of experts and organizations had been circulated to all Committee members. In light of the feedback received, a revised list had been circulated, in respect of which no further feedback had been received.

7. **Mr. Tagle** (Chile), while not objecting to the revised list of experts and organizations, proposed that in the future Member States should be invited to recommend new individuals so as to provide the Committee with fresh ideas. That was particularly important in view of the fact that the objectives of the Second International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism — the end of which was approaching — had not yet been fully achieved.

8. **The Chairman**, having taken note of the comments made by the representative of Chile, said that, if there was no objection, he would take it that the Committee wished to approve the participation of the experts and organizations on the revised list and request the Secretariat to make the necessary travel arrangements for them.

9. *It was so decided.*

10. **The Chairman** said that, in accordance with a previous decision of the Committee, invitations to the seminar would also be extended to all elected and appointed officials of the Non-Self-Governing Territories, as well as to States not members of the Committee, administering Powers, specialized agencies within the United Nations system, and some regional organizations. The United Nations would bear the travel costs of representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territories, but not those of representatives of States not members of the Committee, administering Powers, or intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations.

Guidelines, rules of procedure and agenda of the seminar

11. **The Chairman** drew attention to the guidelines and rules of procedure for the seminar, as contained in document A/AC.109/2009/17. Although the document had been issued only that morning, a draft, in English, had been circulated to all Committee members a week earlier. Committee members had therefore had sufficient time to respond. Thus far, he had received no objections to the document's content. Therefore, if there was no objection, he would take it that the Committee wished to waive rule 120 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, concerning the 24-hour rule, and approve the document, including the agenda of the seminar contained therein.

12. *It was so decided.*

Other matters

13. **The Chairman** said that he had requested the Secretariat to revise the meeting schedule of the Committee's substantive session in June 2009, in view of other United Nations meetings and conferences. Once available, the revised schedule would be made available to the Committee.

The meeting rose at 10.35 a.m.